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1. On 17 February 1953, source learned that the railroad check points at the Baumschulenweg and Treptower Park elevated train stations were nearing completion.¹
2. On 14 February, source learned that a railroad check point was being built on the side of the passing siding for long-distance trains at Eichwalde railroad station. A railroad control station was also being established at the Erkner railroad station. A new switch-connection and a new track for long-distance trains were already under construction.¹
3. On 16 February, source learned that work on the establishment of railroad check points at Hohenneuendorf, Hennigsdorf, Albrechtshof, Griebnitzsee, Teltow and Mahlow would be started in the near future. Railroad check points for the control of passenger traffic between East Berlin and the Soviet Zone were being built at the Erkner and Eichwalde railroad stations.¹
4. By order of the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, the Karow-Birkenwerder railroad line will be provided with a third rail in 1953. The completion of this project would make the line suitable for interurban railroad operations.

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5. In early February, double-track operations were resumed on the Gollnitz-Calau section of the Falkenberg-Calau railroad line. The entire railroad line is now operated double-track.²
6. In early February, source learned that 500 workers were employed on the construction of a new locomotive maintenance installation (Bahnbetriebswerk) at Guben. The installation is to be provided with facilities for about 100 locomotives. Two permanent single-story buildings, 1 large brick building and a watertower have already been completed. The railroad bridge over the Schwarze Elbe on Ernst Thaelmann Strasse is being widened so that it can carry four tracks.³
7. In early February, source observed that two new connecting curves were under construction north of Prenzlau.⁴

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- [REDACTED] 8. On 7 February, source observed that the railroad bridge over the Neisse River near Muskau is destroyed. Clearing up work was completed on the west side of the river. There were no indications of an intended reconstruction of this bridge.
9. On 7 February, source observed that the river pier of the railroad viaduct over the Neisse River at Goerlitz was being dismantled.⁵

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. It appears that the check point on the Cottbus-Berlin railroad line will be established in Eichwalde and not in Berlin-Grunau.

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2. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The establishment of this locomotive maintenance installation was necessitated by the foundation of the Foundry Combine East in Fuerstenberg/Oder.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The two connecting curves have been built in connection with the reconstruction of the Prenzlau-Templin railroad line.

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. It was previously reported that the reconstruction of the railroad viaduct at Goerlitz is making slow progress.

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